

State Plan for Title XIX
State of Alaska

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Access to Pediatric and Obstetric Practitioner Services Calendar Year 1996

The following table illustrates that at least 50 percent of obstetrical and pediatric care providers practicing in Alaska are enrolled Medicaid participants:

	In-State Providers in Private Practice (1996)	Providers Enrolled in Medicaid (1996)	Percentage of Private Practice Providers Enrolled
OBSTETRICAL SERVICES			
Physician (OB/GYN)	47	47	100 %
Physician (Family/General)	141	129	91 %
Nurse Midwife	15	15	100 %
Nurse Practitioner (Family Health)*	54	54	100 %
Total	257	245	95%
PEDIATRIC SERVICES			
Pediatrician	45	37	82 %
Physician (Family/General)	141	129	91 %
Nurse Practitioner (Family Health)*	54	54	100 %
Total	240	220	92 %

*State regulations authorize Medicaid enrollment only for Advanced Nurse Practitioners with the specialty of Family Health and Nurse Midwife.

Figures on pages VI, VII and VIII reflect unduplicated number of providers available at any given time during the year.

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Access to Obstetric Services by Geographical Area

The following table illustrates the number of obstetrical care providers practicing in Alaska by geographical region and what percentage of those providers are Medicaid participants:

	All Obstetric Service Provider Types		
	In-State Providers in Private Practice (PP) (1996)	In-State PP Providers Enrolled in Medicaid (1996)	Percentage of In-State PP Providers Enrolled
OBSTETRICAL SERVICES			
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	2	2	100%
City/Borough of Sitka	3	3	100%
City/Borough of Juneau	17	16	94%
Haines	2	2	100%
North Slope	0	0	100%
Northwest Arctic	0	0	100%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	23	21	91%
Denali	0	0	100%
Matanuska-Susitna	23	21	91%
Kenai Peninsula	23	23	100%
Bristol Bay	0	0	100%
Lake and Peninsula	0	0	100%
Kodiak Island	5	5	100%
Aleutians East	3	3	100%
Municipality of Anchorage	125	122	98%
Non-borough	31	27	87%
TOTAL	257	245	95%

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Access to Pediatric Services by Geographical Areas

The following table illustrates the number of pediatric care providers practicing in Alaska by geographical region and what percentage of those providers are Medicaid participants:

	All Pediatric Service Provider Types		
	In-State Providers in Private Practice (PP) (1996)	In-State PP Providers Enrolled in Medicaid (1996)	Percentage of In-State PP Providers Enrolled
PEDIATRIC SERVICES			
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	4	4	100%
City/Borough of Sitka	3	3	100%
City/Borough of Juneau	18	16	89%
Haines	2	2	100%
North Slope	0	0	100%
Northwest Arctic	0	0	100%
Fairbanks North Star Borough	25	20	80%
Denali	0	0	100%
Matanuska-Susitna	18	16	89%
Kenai Peninsula	21	21	100%
Bristol Bay	0	0	100%
Lake and Peninsula	0	0	100%
Kodiak Island	5	5	100%
Aleutians East	3	3	100%
Municipality of Anchorage	113	103	91%
Non-borough	28	27	96%
TOTAL	240	220	92%

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Pediatric/obstetrical rates and access

TABLE: FAMILY AND GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

<u>BOROUGH</u>	<u># PRACTICING</u>	<u># PARTICIPATING</u>
Ketchikan		
Gateway	1	1
C&B of SITKA	5	5
C&B of JUNEAU	9	5
Haines	2	1
North Slope	0	0
Northwest Arctic	0	0
Fairbanks		
North Star	18	15
Denali	0	0
Matanuska-		
Susitna	14	10
Kenai Peninsula	15	13
Bristol Bay	1	0 (See Below)
Lake & Peninsula	0	0
Kodiak Island	7	5
Aleutians East	0	0
Mun. of ANCHORAGE	72	53
Non-borough	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	156	116

NOTE

The Bristol Bay Borough consists of 870 square miles, with a population of 3427, 2017 of whom live in Dillingham. In 4/92, 481 medicaid recipients were eligible in the Borough, 165 of whom live in Dillingham, which is the location of the Borough's only hospital and clinic and the location of the non-participating general practitioner. An interview with his spouse/nurse/office manager confirmed that he has not billed medicaid for some years, as "it's too much trouble", and "everyone knows they can go up the road to the hospital." She reports he occasionally sees a medicaid or medicare patient, sometimes emergency, sometimes not, but considers these encounters to be charity care. He is retiring in several months, after 40 years, and has no interest in participating.

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<u>METHOD</u>	<u>ONLY</u>	<u>W/OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%USING</u>
Depends on ability to pay	30	26	56	(67%)
Bill insurance or Medicaid	11	25	36	(43%)
Pmt in full at time of visit	6	14	20	(24%)
Pmt of deductible at visit	1	12	13	(15%)
Deposit for total at 1st visit	0	4	4	(5%)

- CLIENT NON-COMPLIANCE PROBLEMS ARE THE LARGEST FACTOR INFLUENCING A PHYSICIAN'S DECISION TO TAKE MEDICAID PATIENTS. THE LARGE OF AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK IS ANOTHER MAJOR CONCERN AFFECTING WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT PATIENTS ON MEDICAID.

Providers were asked to rank the influence of various perceptions of Medicaid and Medicaid clients on their decision to take on these clients. A rank of "1" indicated "Not at all important" and a rank of "5" indicated "Very important;" thus, for any one factor the minimum Total Points (each rank multiplied by the number of providers selecting that rank, and added to the others) is 84 (i.e., all 84 ob/gyn providers say it is not at all important) and the maximum Total Points is 420 (i.e., they all say it is very important).

<u>PERCEPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>
Client non-compliance	243
Too much paperwork	224
Takes too long to get payment	219
Low reimbursement rate	215
Eligibility denied after care given	206
Too medically high-risk	191
Patients more likely to sue	191
Different socioeconomic group from other clients	131

Eight providers listed other factors, including problems locating and contacting patients, abuse of their schedule by patients ("no shows"), and the unfriendliness of the Medicaid system to both doctors and patients.

Many doctors emphasized in comments that they would not refuse to treat a patient for these reasons. Because the question asked to what extent these factors influenced the decision to accept a Medicaid client, rather than the extent to which they were perceived as a real problem, the ranking of a particular problem may not adequately reflect the frustrations of those physicians who routinely accept Medicaid patients regardless of any of these factors.

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CNM SURVEY RESULTS:

CNM SURVEY

*Please note: NO response indicates that the respondent did not answer that question.

Q.1. SERVICES PROVIDED

9 respondents provide prenatal care, labor and delivery and post-partum care

2 respondents provide prenatal care and post-partum care

1 respondent provides prenatal care and labor and delivery only

2 respondents do NOT provide any of the above services*

*There are 12 potential respondents to the remaining questions

Q.2. CONTINUANCE OF SERVICES FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

10 respondents plan to continue their services for the next two years

1 will not continue their services for this period

1 did not respond

Q.3. DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE

4 independent Certified Nurse-Midwives

1 joint practice with an OB-GYN

2 joint practice with a family practitioner

4 are employed by the government or a state practice*

1 did NOT respond

*These 4 respondents employed by the government/agency affect responses to other questions. Their employer's practices versus personal practice will be expressed in their answers and should be taken into consideration.

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Q.4. NUMBER OF BABIES DELIVERED IN 1987*

# BABIES	# RESPONDENTS
0-25:	4
26-50:	1
51-75:	0
76-100:	3
101-125:	3
over 200:	1

Q.4a. NUMBER OF MEDICALLY HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES

# HIGH RISK	# RESPONDENTS
0:	3
1-30:	4
80:	1
90:	1
"many"	1

There were 2 NO responses.

Q.4b. NUMBER OF MEDICAID PATIENTS

# MEDICAID	# RESPONDENTS
0:	1
1-10:	3
11-20:	4
21-30:	1
"unknown"	1

There were 2 NO responses.

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4c. OTHER LOW-INCOME WOMEN

#OTHER LOW-INCOME	#RESPONDENTS
0:	2
1-6:	3
23:	1
"all"	1
"not applicable"	1
"unknown"	1

There were 3 NO responses.

5a. STATEWIDE REFERRALS

10 respondents takes statewide referrals

1 respondent does NOT take statewide referrals

There was 1 NO response.

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5b. LISTING OF AREAS OUTSIDE OF OFFICE LOCALITY THAT PATIENTS
ARE ACCEPTED FROM

*There was one respondent per entry unless otherwise indicated in
parentheses.

Aleutian Chain occasionally
Anchorage
Ambler
Barrow
Bethel Area (2)
Big Lake
Dillingham area (2)
Dutch Harbor
Dutch Harbor
English Bay
Fairbanks
Homer
Juneau
Kasilof
King Salmon
Kenai Peninsula (2)
Kodiak
Kotzebue (2)
Mat-Su Valley
Mt. Edgecombe
Ninilchik
Nome
Petersburg
Port Graham
Prince of Wales Island
Seward (2)
Soldotna
Sterling
Talkeetna
Trapper Creek
Wasilla
Wrangell

*Statewide ANMC Service Areas - 2 ANS respondents

*All villages of Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta - 1 YKDR Hospital
respondent

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6. STANDARDIZED PRENATAL CARE FORM

4 respondents use the Holister form*
5 use the State (IHS) form*
4 indicated "other":
 "we've developed our own (3)
 Washington State Physician's Insurance form (1)

* One respondent indicated that she uses two forms: the
Holister and the State form

1 does NOT use any standardized form

7. WHO DETERMINES POLICY TO ACCEPT MEDICAID OB PATIENTS INTO
PRACTICE

4 make the decision for their practice
2 indicate that their back-up physician determines the
policy
1 indicates that it is a joint decision
5 selected "other":
 business manager (1)

the other 4 respondents selecting "other" were
IHS employees (ANS & YKDR Hospital)

8. NEW OB PATIENTS

11 respondents are currently accepting new OB patients
1 respondent does NOT take new OB patients

9. NEW MEDICAID OB PATIENTS

All 12 respondents currently accept new MEDICAID patients
into their practice

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